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WELCOME! WHO IS ON THE LINE WITH US?

A WebEx Poll is available on the right-hand side of your screen. Please click on that to access the poll.

- I am a student-attending a Minority Serving Institution (MSI)
- I am a faculty member affiliated with a Minority Serving Institution (MSI)
- I am a student attending a higher education institution which is NOT an MSI
- I am a faculty member with a higher education institution which is NOT an MSI
- I work in industry
- I work in K-12 education
- Other
- Prefer not to respond



NASA STEM ENGAGEMENT



VISION

We immerse students in NASA's work, enhance STEM literacy, and inspire the next generation to explore.

MISSION

We engage students in NASA's mission

Strategic Goals



Create **unique opportunities** for a diverse set of students to contribute to NASA's work in exploration and discovery.



Build a diverse future STEM workforce by engaging students in authentic learning experiences with NASA's people, content, and facilities.



Attract diverse groups of students to STEM through learning opportunities that spark interest and provide connections to NASA's mission and work.

COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY



NASA Internships is committed to the Agency's goal of building a diverse future STEM workforce by engaging students in authentic learning experiences with NASA's people, content, and facilities.

"We are committed to reexamining our practices and implementing thoughtful approaches to improve our reach to underserved and underrepresented students and affect real changes."

- Mike Kincaid
Associate Administrator

PROJECT OVERVIEW

MUREP

Using NASA's content to build capacity and competitiveness of MSIs with a focus on student success.



- Develop and fostering MSI research capability in partnership with MDs
- Examples include:
 - MIRO: 20 awards for enhanced research opportunities
 - M-STAR: 15 Planning Grants in partnership with STMD to support Space Technology Opportunities.



Engaging MSI Students for STEM Degree Attainment

- Provide underrepresented and underserved students access to NASA content, people and places specifically related to STEMbased research and educational opportunities
- Examples include:
 - Competitions, challenges, internships and fellowships
 - NCAS: Engages Community
 College students in online course and unique hands-on NASA experiences.







OSTEM INTERNSHIPS PROGRAM

Key Elements:

- U.S. Citizen
- Cumulative 3.00 GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
- Full –time student
- 16+ years of age
- Stipend payment
- Sessions: Summer,Fall and Spring

Virtual internships available





INTERNSHIP DE&I FOCUS





Identify barriers and inequalities in the recruitment and selection process

Increase outreach with minority-serving institutions

Build awareness through partnerships with internal and external stakeholders

Strengthen practices and systems Agency-wide

Establish a full-time MUREP internship coordinator

Increase HBCU placements 25% by FY22 – accomplished in FY 21

EVALUATING INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AND PROCESSES

Generate and use evidence in support of understanding "How have NASA STEM Engagement investments broadened participation of historically underrepresented and underserved groups in STEM fields in NASA STEM Engagement activities?"

FY20

Diversity
Deep Dive
Study

Evaluate how NASA STEM
Engagement investments
have broadened participation of
underserved
and underrepresented groups in
STEM fields.

FY21

Career Readiness Assessment

Expands upon the FY20 Longitudinal Pilot Study and includes an investigation of career-readiness of early career NASA STEM professionals who had NASA internships prior to their employment, as compared to those who did not.

FY21 - FY22

Internship Outcome Assessment

Expands upon the Diversity Deep Dive Study to measure students' immediate outcomes of participating in NASA Internships and assess differences based upon underrepresented group status.

RFI: Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities in NASA Programs, Contracts, and Grants Process

Diversity and Equal Opportunity at NASA and in the STEM Community

Eleven of 13 questions in this section focus on strategies and practices for internships or similar work-based learning experiences (e.g., research opportunities, coops, externships). Request for Information on Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities in NASA Programs, Contracts and Grants Process

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DIVERSITY AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AT NASA AND IN THE STEM COMMUNITY

Question 6* What barriers or challenges do institutions or organizations face in recruiting diverse students from underserved communities to apply to and participate in internships or similar work-based learning experiences (e.g., research opportunities, coops, externships)?

Question 7* What barriers or challenges do institutions or organizations face in retaining diverse students from underserved communities who apply to and participate in internships or similar work-based learning experiences (e.g., research opportunities, coops, externships)?

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^{*} Use the WebEx Q&A function to ask the panelists questions and provide your responses, suggestions or ideas to the RFI questions.

DIVERSITY AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AT NASA AND IN THE STEM COMMUNITY

Question 9* What skills and competencies are intentionally being developed through internships and similar work-based learning experiences (*e.g.*, research opportunities, coops, externships)?

Question 13* Does your institution offer any formal training to internship/work-based learning mentors around biases, anti-racism, or general DEIA?

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REMINDER: RFI COMMENT PERIOD



Thank you for your participation!

We invite you to provide us additional comments by the RFI deadline of August 31, 2021.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!

Please provide us some feedback through the WebEx Poll available on the right-hand side of your screen.

- I had an opportunity to contribute ideas and questions to this session and feel satisfied with the discussion.
- I had an opportunity to contribute ideas and questions but have lingering questions that were not addressed.
- I have already submitted comments to the RFI and this discussion encouraged me to submit additional thoughts.
- I have not submitted comments to the RFI but this discussion encouraged me to submit before the August deadline.
- I do not plan on submitting comments to the RFI.



BACK-UP SLIDES

DIVERSITY AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AT NASA AND IN THE STEM COMMUNITY RFI QUESTIONS (1 of 2)

- 1. What strategies should NASA consider in creating more diverse and inclusive workforces and what best practices have been established to remove or lessen these challenges?
- 2. What strategies should NASA consider to ensure opportunity and accessibility to particular groups, such as individuals with disabilities, or limited English proficient individuals?
- 3. What best practices should NASA adopt in conducting outreach to members of underserved communities including to enhance employment and program participation opportunities?
- 4. What diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) strategies should NASA implement to broaden the applicant pool of historically underrepresented and underserved students in internships or similar work-based learning experiences (*e.g.*, research opportunities, coops, externships)?
- 5. What DEIA strategies should NASA implement to increase the participation of historically underrepresented and underserved students in internships or similar work-based learning experiences (*e.g.*, research opportunities, coops, externships)?
- 6. What barriers or challenges do institutions or organizations face in recruiting diverse students from underserved communities to apply to and participate in internships or similar work-based learning experiences (e.g., research opportunities, coops, externships)?
- 7. What barriers or challenges do institutions or organizations face in retaining diverse students from underserved communities who apply to and participate in internships or similar workbased learning experiences (e.g., research opportunities, coops, externships)?



DIVERSITY AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AT NASA AND IN THE STEM COMMUNITY RFI QUESTIONS (2 OF 2)

- 8. What DEIA strategies should NASA use to implement virtual internships or similar work-based learning experiences (*e.g.*, research opportunities, coops, externships)?
- 9. What skills and competencies are intentionally being developed through internships and similar work-based learning experiences (*e.g.*, research opportunities, coops, externships)?
- 10. What barriers or challenges do institutions or organizations face when collecting data or performing assessments to understand the outcomes of DEIA strategy implementation for internships or similar work-based learning experiences (e.g., research opportunities, coops, externships)?
- 11. What types of data collection, analysis, and reporting mechanisms should NASA use to assess the effectiveness and outcomes of internships or similar work-based learning experiences?
- 12. Does your institution or organization have any affinity groups or committees to support diverse populations access STEM/internships/work-based learning experiences? How does your organization or institution define diversity?
- 13. Does your institution offer any formal training to internship/work-based learning mentors around biases, anti-racism, or general DEIA?



EVALUATING MUREP AND PROCESSES

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FY20

MUREP Program-Level Evaluation Phase 1

Evaluation how and to what extent are MUREP activities align with federal mandates for MSIs and NASA STEM Engagement and MUREP priorities, goals and objectives.

FY21

MUREP Program-Level Evaluation Phase 2

Expands upon the FY20 MUREP Program-Level Evaluation (Phase 1) to examine how are MUREP activities addressing student engagement, partnerships and competitiveness of awardees?

Planned for FY22

MUREP Outcome Evaluation Planning

Based upon FY20 and FY21 evaluation findings and recommendations, develop framework/plan for MUREP outcome evaluation and plan for evidence-based execution.

